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Father Charged with Leaving Child in Hot Car, DUI

A 48-year-old man has been charged with leaving his two-year-old daughter inside a car with closed windows on a hot day in El Segundo, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Dennyal Sachen (dob 12/30/67) of Los Angeles pleaded not guilty yesterday to one felony count of child abuse and one misdemeanor count each of driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and driving with at least a .08-percent blood alcohol content.

Case SA093785 includes the allegation that the defendant's blood alcohol concentration was 0.15 percent or more.

Sachen is scheduled to return on Sept. 28 in Department W71 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

On June 8, Sachen allegedly left his daughter in his vehicle with the windows rolled up while picking up another child at an El Segundo school, prosecutors said. After some time in the car, witnesses noticed the toddler, called police and rendered aid, prosecutors added.

When the defendant returned, police arrested him.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of seven years in state prison.

The case was investigated by the El Segundo Police Department.

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